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## The City of Kerrville

# City Connection

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### Keeping you connected

Welcome to the first edition of The City of Kerrville e-newsletter! We are excited to launch the City Connection to keep you up to date on special events and major city projects that are underway. In this newsletter you will find useful links, departmental information and highlights around Kerrville. If you are interested in becoming a member of our e-newsletter mailing list, register at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov).

### *Message from the Mayor...*



I would like to thank the citizens of Kerrville for the honor to serve as the Mayor of this wonderful city and look forward to getting to work for the community. Kerrville and the balance of the region have felt the effects of the economic crisis that has gripped the entire Country. The challenges that the city faces are many, but determination and dedication by the City Council and staff are strong. Our focus will be maintaining levels of service while continuing to meet the goals set by the Council. Our upcoming projects such as the Harper Highway water and wastewater utility extension and pavement management system will help strengthen our infrastructure and promote healthy economic development, and through managed growth, financial responsibility and careful planning, this city emerge from the current crisis a more enjoyable place to live, work and play.



### *Did you know?*

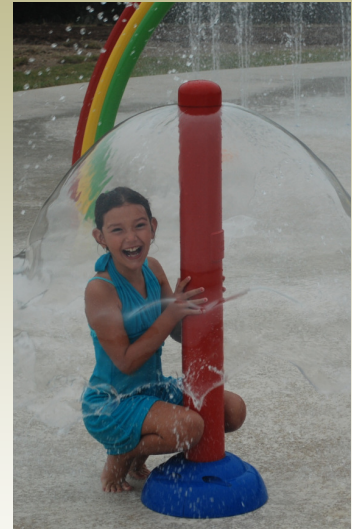
**The Butt-Holdsworth Library  
is a Wi-Fi hot spot!**

## News from Parks and Recreation

### Summer is a Splash!

The tired and dated Martin Pool was closed for good in 2009, and has been replaced with a unique and thrilling Splashpad. What used to be a sprinkler in the front yard has been replaced with high-tech water works that people can run through, jump on or just sit in to cool off. The amazing part is that all of this takes place with no standing water and a state of the art filtration recycling system that keeps water clean and conserves water, a must in our arid dry summers.

Operating season is April through October 10am-7pm daily. The park is closed on Tuesdays and admission is free.



### Movies in the Park – Presented by The Bosworth Company

**Fun for the whole family! Admission is free and popcorn will be provided. Bring your own drinks and please remember that glass containers are not permitted in the park.**

**June 25 – Monsters VS Aliens (PG)**

**July 30 – The Wizard of Oz (G)**

**August 20 – Princess and the Frog (G)**

### Fun Filled Fourth

**Join us for our annual Fourth of July Celebration on the River at Louise Hays Park. Festivities include food, merchandise vendors through the Kerr County Market Association and live music. Stay for a spectacular fireworks display to end the day. Bring your lounge chairs, sunscreen, and family to this fun patriotic event!**



**Date: Sunday, July 4, 2010**

**Time: 1:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.**

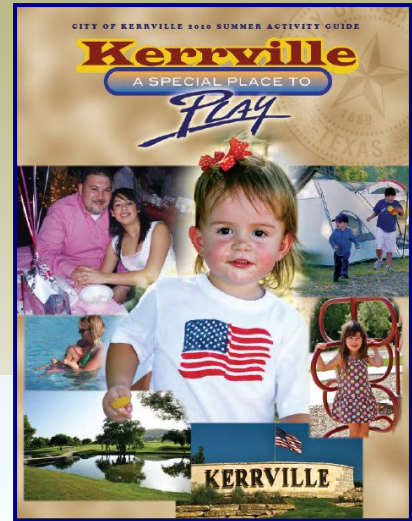
**Location: Louise Hays Park**

**Fireworks: 9:30 p.m.**

**Free for all ages**

## Summer Programs

The Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department is still holding registration for programs and events this summer. For complete information, pick up the new activity guide or visit us at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov).



## Scott Schreiner Golf Course

**Course Hours:**

**Daily from 7:30 a.m. to dark**

**Monday – Course opens at 11:00 a.m.**

**Driving Range Hours:**

**Daily from 7:30 a.m. to dark**

**Wednesday until 5:30 p.m.**



## Kerrville Schreiner Park

**2385 Bandera Highway**

**Kerrville, Texas 78028**

**830-257-5392 830-257-CAMP**

*The City of Kerrville will provide quality, innovative, diverse and safe parks, facilities and recreation programs to our citizens and visitors.*



## Safety First!

While summer is normally a time for fun with family and friends, don't be caught off guard. Below are some tips for handling some summer dangers.



Remember to use sunscreen and drink plenty of fluids, especially if spending time outdoors during the peak heat hours of 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Follow the rules at local pools and park facilities.

Use caution when swimming in the river. Unlike the controlled environment of a swimming pool, rivers can change due to rainfall, ever changing currents and bacteria levels.

Be prepared for summer thunderstorms.

If you are caught outdoors, avoid natural lightning rods such as tall, isolated trees, the tops of hills and metal objects such as wire fences and golf clubs.



**Questions about Recycling?**  
**Contact the Recycling Center at 257-1267**

# Hot Topics *City Connection*

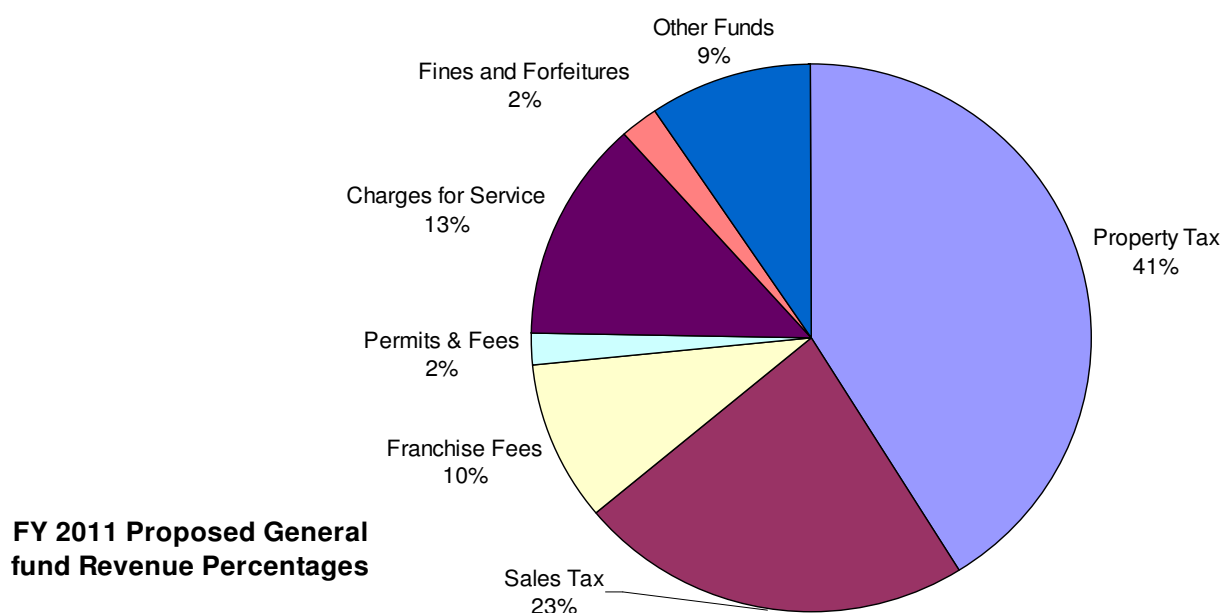
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## Harper Highway Bid Award

The City of Kerrville has recently awarded a bid to Nelson Lewis Construction Company to extend water and wastewater service from Town Creek at Holdsworth Drive, past Interstate 10 out to James Avery Craftsman. This project will provide needed infrastructure to the Interstate 10 and Highway 783 corridor as well as one of Kerrville's major employers, James Avery Craftsman and will take approximately 9 months to complete.

## Budget Information

The chart below illustrates the General Fund revenue sources proposed for the FY 2011 Budget. Property taxes comprise the largest source of funding for the basic services, with no change in tax rate. As shown this is followed by sales tax, charges for service which includes EMS charges and franchise fees. Other revenues includes contribution for public safety services provided to the County, grants and transfer from the Water Utility for services provided by the General Fund. These funds provide the basic services of the City including Police, Fire/EMS, Streets, Parks and Recreation and Business Development.



## **City of Kerrville Website Gets a new Look!**

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, the City of Kerrville launched our newly designed website. The new website will bring better and more organized information and communication to our citizens and visitors.

Our new website will:

- be easier to navigate;
- put the information you want right up front;
- allow you to sign up for email alerts on topics you want to know more about;
- and will feature pages dedicated to the hot topics of our community.

One of the more exciting enhancements is the ability to sign up to receive emails and text messages in regard to topics that you wish to receive information on i.e. employment, council agendas, bid openings, press releases, building inspection updates, the City newsletter, etc. Signing up is free and anonymous and the information you enter will not be used for any other purpose.

We hope these improvements will make our website a more useful resource for the Kerrville community and our visitors. As any good website does, we will continue to grow and expand the capabilities of our site. If you have any feedback or comments, share them with us by filling out the form under the Contact Us > Website Feedback section of the new website.



## **Street Reconstruction Projects**

### **July 19 through August 20:**

Peterson Drive (SH 16 to Newton)  
Jack Drive  
Virginia Drive  
Hummingbird Drive

### **August 23 through September 22:**

McAllen Street                      Alice Street  
Cedar Drive                          Tanglewood  
West Main (Bobwhite to Harper Highway)  
Meeker (Legion to Maple)  
Water Street (C Street to SH 27).

## **New Library Foundation Open for Business**

### **Ready to Raise Funds for Library Renovation Project**

Library Foundation Executive Director Jeana Lehman Krause reports that the Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth Library Foundation has now been "launched". Board members hosted an Open House on Thursday, June 17. The Foundation is located at 433 Water St., Suite D (next to the Library).

Krause also reports that the Foundation is now a legal entity and is situated to begin the all important task of raising the rest of the funds needed to match the \$1 million challenge grant given to the Library by H.E.B. Corporation C.E.O Charles Butt. The Foundation will be mounting a capital fundraising campaign beginning in the middle of July to raise approximately \$5 million dollars needed to complete the project.

This project has been gaining momentum since the early part of 2009, when Charles Butt contacted San Antonio Public Library Foundation C.E.O. Kaye Lenox. He was interested in, and concerned for, the Butt Holdsworth Memorial Library which his mother and father had helped establish. The Foundation itself is named in memory of his mother Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth who was a Kerr County native.

For further information, please contact Krause at (830)928-5377 or Admin@mehlf.com. The website is [www.MEHLF.org](http://www.MEHLF.org).

***Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to: Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth Library Foundation, PO Box 293523, Kerrville, TX 78029-3523***



### **Library Hours**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>

### **Summer Reading Program**

We encourage children of all ages to keep up their reading skills during summer break. Come in and sign up for the Summer Reading Program. We are giving prizes to those that read 6 hours or more and those that read 30 hours or more. Little ones that cannot read yet can be read to and still qualify for prizes. We will be hosting entertainers at the Cailloux Theater, a Play Dough day, and Lego Club building days. Stop by the library for a schedule or visit the Summer Reading Club link at [www.kerrvilletx.gov](http://www.kerrvilletx.gov)